

# ***Introduction:***

## **Applicability**

This manual applies to all transportation projects developed by the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and to all local agency highway or local streets and roads projects with funding or approvals by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

## **Purpose**

The purpose of the “Procedural Manual for Preparing Environmental Studies, July 2003” is to provide assistance with compliance of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and related federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies. The manual is intended for those preparing, reviewing, or sponsoring federally funded highway and related projects.

The objective of the manual is to focus on statutory and regulatory requirements for environmental documents for both local and INDOT projects. The manual sets forth document content and format, as required by law or regulation, and recommended format, if not specified by law or regulation. Reports and documents prepared for projects on the state highway system shall adhere to the content and recommended formats contained herein. In addition, the manual provides a number of tools for the development of the documentation including links to additional information.

This is the first version of the “Procedural Manual for Preparing Environmental Studies, July 2003”. It supersedes the “The Procedural Manual for Preparing Environmental Studies, July 1996”.

The “Procedural Manual for Preparing Environmental Studies, July 2003” will be updated as required.